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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486
December 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville School Library at 7:00pm on December 17, 2025 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Molly Gerads, Luke Peterson, Chris Gilyard, Bill Johnson. Absent was Kyle Thieschafer. Also present was Superintendent Todd Lee. Community guests were present for the Truth in Taxation hearing.

Bill Johnson made a motion to amend the Agenda for the meeting to remove 8.2 JH BB Hiring. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the November 13, 2025 regular meeting & December 9, 2025 Special meeting. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Superintendent Todd Lee presented a presentation on the Truth in Taxation to the board and community members. Discussion was had to answer questions/concerns.

Auditor's Report

Ashley Meagher with Schlenner & Wenner & Co presented the auditors report which was a clean and unmodified opinion. Luke Peterson made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Molly Gerads made a motion to accept the Hiring of Jordan Sales - Elementary Basketball Coordinator & Lane changes for Tracy Hannah from MA +30 to MA +45 for January 2026. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Bill Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$343,790. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Chris Gilyard made a motion to approve the electronic transfers of \$76,964.69 on November 20, 2025 and \$74,169.03 on December 5, 2025. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Molly Gerads made the motion to Accept Bid packages 1,2,3,5 & 6 in the amount of \$8,148,487 for the Swanville Renovations and Additions project. Seconded by Bill Johnson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to reject the Bids for package 4 of the Swanville Renovations and Addition project and go for re-bid. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the purchase of the Hillyard Floor Scrubber. Seconded by Bill Johnson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.



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Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the purchase of the Rooftop Unit for the Swanville Renovations and Additions project. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) report, formerly known as the World's Best Workforce (WBWF) report. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

REPORTS

PRINCIPAL REPORT - Todd Lee presented:

- Enrollment has increased by 3 students since last month.
- School Wide Celebrations
 - The Sourcewell Teachers of Excellence have been selected and they are Jordan Sales and Pam Czech. The Sourcewell Pillars of Support have also been chosen and they are Stacy Jackson and Katie Moore. Congratulations to all! They will be recognized at a banquet in the spring of 2026.
- Elementary Celebrations
Elementary Students of the Month

	October	November
K-Schleicher	Ruth Baum	Jameson Berry
K-Morris	Evellyn Johnson	Brekken Johnson
1 Waltman	Henley Weeres	Ruby Schultz
2 Goebel	Jordan Miller	Elly Jensen
2 Miller	Macie DeFoe	Josh Posterick
3 Novak	Luke Dempsey	Laurie Zupko
3 Sales	Audrey Pitschka	Sophia Weeres
4 Wimmer	Luke VanHeel	Autumn Zarns
4 Ramsdell	Emily Petersen	Landon Notch
5 Swisher	Miki Silgjord	Myla Miller
5 Sobiech	Ximena Martinez Juarez	Kaprice Karst
6	Miles Peterson	Allie Giese
PE K-3	Carsyn Meagher	Ruth Baum
PE 4-6	Emma Ritter	Braxton Reece



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Art K-3	Waylen Goedert	Penelope Schillinger
Art 4-6	Kailson Rocheleau	Matthew VanHeel
Music K-3	Macie DeFoe	Belinda Martinex Juarez
Music 4-6	Ayres Vanderpoel	Piper Murphy

- The elementary concert went well, divisions were K and 1, 2 and 3, and 4-6 grades. Well attended!

– High School Celebrations

- Congratulations to Marshall Hollermann and Lara Baggenstoss, October Students of the Month and for November, Dawson Hasse and Chris Harrison.
- The staff has selected our Sourcewell Students of Character and they are Christopher Harrison and Lara Baggenstoss. They will be honored at a banquet in April.
- Triple A Award for Swanville is Reece Jackson and the ExCEL recipients are Delaney Chuba and Isaac Gapinski.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

December Athletes of the Month:

Boys Basketball:

V: Head Coach Aaron Gapinski, “Junior Jonah Urman is the Varsity December Athlete of the Month for boys basketball. Jonah has been tasked with doing a variety of things for our team early this year, and he just goes out and gets the job done. Jonah possesses a skill set that allows us to use him in multiple ways. Above all, Jonah has stepped up as a leader, encouraging his teammates to continue to work together! Congratulations Jonah!”

JV: Head Coach Aaron Gapinski, “Sophomore Milo Hutchins is the Junior Varsity December Athlete of the Month for boys basketball. Milo brings a lot of energy each day! He works hard on his skills and wants to improve each day. We appreciate his dedication and willingness to do whatever is asked of him each day! Congratulations Milo!!”

Girls Basketball:

V: Head Coach Chris Kircher, “Sophomore Addison Huddalla is the Varsity December Athlete of the Month. Addison has averaged 14.8 points, 16.2 rebounds and 2 blocks through the first 5 games. Addison works hard on both sides of the ball and never gives up on the floor!! Addison is only a sophomore but is in her third year as a varsity starter. Congratulations Addison!!!”

JV: Head Coach Chris Kircher, “Sophomore Morgan Van Heel is the Junior Varsity December Athlete of the Month. Morgan is averaging 15 points a game through 5 games. Our JV team is very young and inexperienced especially in the



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second half and Morgan has had to step up and be the true leader. She has worked so hard to keep them in many games!! Congratulations Morgan!!!!”

JH: Junior High Coach Brandon Moore, “8th Graders Guadalupe Lopez and Aubree Schaffer are the Junior High December Athletes of the Month for girls basketball. Lupe is a very talented ball player! She does so many good things on the court and is our leading scorer so far this year. She is also a true team leader! She will be fun to watch in the years to come. Aubree has great leadership on and off the court. She is a great teammate and role model that the younger girls really look up to! Congratulations Lupe and Aubree!!”

Special Recognition:

1. Congratulations to our AAA (Academics, Arts and Athletics) winner, Reese Jackson. To be eligible for this award, the student must be a senior in high school, maintain a high GPA and participate in athletics and arts. Swanville Schools can be proud of our nominee, Reese!
2. Congratulations to our ExCEL winners, Delaney Chuba and Isaac Gapinski. To be eligible for this award, the student must be a junior in high school, have a leadership role in the school and volunteer in the community. Again, Swanville Schools can be proud of our two nominees, Delaney and Isaac!

Considerations/Recommendations:

1. We were granted FORM A and FORM B grants recently through the MSHSL Foundation Grant. Those checks should be arriving sometime in January.

SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Lee shared the following updates:

- Chantelle F is exploring a school trip with Upsala. Over 70 people came to the initial information meeting with 8 students already signing up for the March 2027 trip to Italy & Greece.
- Solar Power update - shared roughly a \$400 power savings in November and a 1/3 usage savings in the last year.
- Quality Air Testing will be completed in the building
- MSBA is working on an employee social media policy and have released a draft policy for the MN Paid Family Leave.
- Updated on bids for Crisis Go.

OLD BUSINESS:

None



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EXTRA MOTIONS/ITEMS:

None

The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026 at 7pm in the High School Library. This will be the annual reorganization meeting as well as the Regular Board Meeting.

Chris Kircher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38pm. Seconded by Bill Johnson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Gerads - Swanville School Board Clerk

